

Philadelphia,

JANUARY 14th, 1873.

The Church of the Holy Apostles was organized in January, 1868. A lot was secured at the corner of 21st and Christian streets, and a stone Church Building, seating twelve hundred persons, erected and finished in January, 1871.

During the year 1873 a large Sunday School Building was completed.

The lot upon which these Buildings stand was taken on ground rent of \$600 per annum.

The Church Building with all its furniture complete cost \$46,000, of this amount \$41,000 was contributed by members of other churches and the congregation of the Holy Apostles.

As there was a deficiency of \$5,000 it became necessary to mortgage the Church Building for that amount. During the year 1876 the congregation and Sunday School and Bible Classes contributed about \$2,000 towards this indebtedness, leaving about \$3,000 to be raised to free the Church from debt.

This amount we are desirous of raising immediately, so that upon our tenth anniversary on the 27th of this month our Church Building may be free from all incumbrance, leaving only the ground rent to be provided for by the Vestry.

The Church of the Holy Apostles has been one of the most successful of the various efforts made to establish the Church in the more remote parts of the city. A large Church has been built, an admirable Sunday School Building, costing about \$20,000, erected and entirely paid for; a large congregation assembling every Sunday morning and evening, and a Sunday School and Bible Classes numbering upward of eleven hundred members meeting every Sunday afternoon.

We would remind you of the fact that the congregation is made up almost exclusively of working people. We have no wealth in the Church, there not being an individual in independent circumstances, and the times have been of such a character, bearing so heavily upon this class of our population as to prevent many a willing heart from contributing to the debt or current expenses of the Church. And yet, with very limited outside assistance the whole expense (interest and all) of the Church for the last ten years has been met by the congregation and contributions of the Sunday School and Bible Classes.

Now, we want to raise Three Thousand Dollars to free our Church from debt. **WILL YOU HELP US TO DO THIS?** We cannot do it ourselves, and unless those who are interested in the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom and who are blessed with means will come to our relief and help us, we must remain weighed down by indebtedness and greatly hindered in the work to be performed.

May God prompt you to aid us with a liberal hand.

Your Sincere Friends,

CHAS. D. COOPER, *Rector,*

2026 Spruce Street.

LEWIS H. REDNER,
727 Walnut Street.
GEORGE C. THOMAS,
134 South Third Street. } *Wardens.*

Philadelphia,

APRIL 6th, 1879.

To the Congregation of the
Church of the Holy Apostles:

Dear Friends:

I desire to remind you of the Collection which is to be made next Sunday as our Easter Offering, for meeting the deficiency in the revenue of the Church.

We require, in addition to our Pew Rents and the amount received from the Sunday Collections, about one thousand dollars per annum, to provide for all our Expenses.

The Sunday Schools and Bible Classes will contribute half that sum, and the Vestry confidently look to you to make up the balance.

Will you not consider this question prayerfully, and give as God hath prospered you.

Your Sincere Friend,

GEORGE C. THOMAS,

WARDEN.

Mite Chests taken by Members of the CONGREGATION, may be handed in before or after any of the Services on Easter Day, to Mr. KYLE, who will be in the Parish Library for that purpose.

PHILADELPHIA,

December 21st, 1882.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

OF THE

CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES.

The Vestry again appeal to you, at the close of the year, to make up the deficiency which exists, and in doing so express the hope that this will be the last time. The extra expenses incurred this year, which were rendered necessary by the improvements made, have produced this deficit. Please mail the enclosed card at your convenience to Mr. Ritter, Treasurer.

GEO. C. THOMAS,

WARDEN.

TO THE
Members of the Congregation
OF THE
Church of the Holy Apostles.

PHILADELPHIA, January 24th, 1893.

On Sunday next, we celebrate the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Parish. As announced on Sunday last, the offertory at the morning service on Sunday, January 29th will be devoted as a Thank Offering to the Endowment Fund of the Church of the Crucifixion, in this city. In order that all may have a clear idea of the need of this Endowment, a circular, recently issued, is herewith presented:

AN APPEAL
for the *ENDOWMENT* of the *CHURCH* of the *CRUCIFIXION*,
Bainbridge Street, above Eighth.

The Church of the Crucifixion, started forty-five years ago, in the poorest part of the City of Philadelphia, for doing church work among the Colored people of that neighborhood, has gone on successfully from year to year, until to-day, it has nearly three hundred communicants and a large Sunday School.

Through it, hundreds of families have been helped to live soberly and righteously, while the whole neighborhood has been greatly improved and benefitted physically, as well as morally.

The Rector and Vestry are most anxious that this Christ-like work, which must ever be necessary in so great a city, shall go on and that it shall be placed on a more solid foundation.

For that purpose this APPEAL is now sent out to the friends of the work, and especially to those who have aided in the erection of the present buildings, asking them to assist in raising the sum of \$25,000 as a partial endowment of the Church.

This would make the continuance of the work more certain and also remove much actual anxiety. The beginning of such an endowment has been made, there being a small nucleus in the hands of the Vestry for investment and a few conditional promises already given.

Every motive of patriotism and philanthropy and Christian benevolence, and Church extension presses upon us the duty to aid the Rector and Vestry in this wise and needed undertaking.

We hereby, with the hearty approval of the Bishop, lay this matter before the Rectors of the Parishes of the Diocese, venturing to express the hope, that they will take such measures as they may think best for co-operating and recommending this important undertaking to the generosity of their congregations.

(Signed)

Rev. L. everett Bradley,
Rev. Wilbur F. Paddock, D.D.,
Rev. Herman L. Duhring,
Rev. J. Lewis Parks, D.D.,
Rev. Francis M. Taitt,
Rev. Snyder B. Simes,
Rev. Wm. Neilson McVickar, D.D.,
Rev. Charles D. Cooper, D.D.,
Rev. S. D. McConnell, D.D.,
Rev. James S. Stone, D.D.,
Rev. Joseph N. Blanchard,
Rev. Alfred G. Mortimer, D.D.,
Rev. Robert A. Edwards, D.D.,
Rev. James DeWolf Perry, D.D.,
Rev. John B. Falkner, D.D.,
Rev. Theodore S. Runney, D.D.,
Rev. Henry A. F. Hoyt,
Rev. Robert C. Matlack, D.D.,
Rev. C. Ellis Stevens, D.D.; D.C.L.

DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
EPISCOPAL ROOMS,

1102 Walnut Street,
PHILADELPHIA, December 30th, 1892.

When I consider what the Church of the Crucifixion has done for the uplifting of the moral sense, and improvement of the physical condition of the people of the neighborhood in which it is situated; and when I consider further how judiciously and faithfully all its work is conducted, it seems to me that the modest request for an Endowment of \$25,000, which is now made, must commend itself to every churchman and churchwoman of the Diocese to whom the appeal may come.

O. W. WHITAKER,
Bishop of Pennsylvania.

The Sunday School, and also the Congregation and Sunday School of the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Communion, will unite in this effort. As God has so signally blessed us, let us on this Anniversary Day extend a helping hand to others.

Faithfully yours,
CHARLES D. COOPER, Rector.
George C. Thomas, } Wardens.
William R. Chapman, }

PHILADELPHIA, MARCH 15th, 1893.

To the Pew Holders and all attending the services of the Church of the Holy Apostles.

In view of the very liberal response made at Easter the past seven years to the appeals then made by the Vestry, it has been determined to again ask for an offertory on Easter morning, April 2d, that will provide the deficiency in the current expenses, which amounts yearly to about one thousand dollars.

Owing, no doubt, to the reduction in the pew rental made in 1886, the Congregation has responded liberally heretofore to this appeal, and the Vestry trust that this Easter collection will at least equal that of last year, which was \$1,389.57

Should any person prefer making a subscription, payable at a further date or dates, a card is furnished for the purpose, which may be placed upon the plate; or, if any who pay the entire amount of their subscription in cash, desire to have their names recorded upon the Church books, they can enclose their amount in an envelope, when due credit will be given them.

It is asked that all who receive this, will respond to the extent of their ability.

By order of the Vestry,

GEO. C. THOMAS,

Attest:

WILLIAM S. NEILL,

WILLIAM R. CHAPMAN,

Wardens.

Secretary.

Church of the Holy Apostles

Twenty-first and Christian Streets
PHILADELPHIA

May 22nd. 1933

I am making a very special and urgent appeal to all of our members to come to the aid of their parish.

We have done very well indeed to come through the four years of the depression as well as we have, but now we need at least \$1500.00 to meet our obligations.

The Easter Day offering of the church failed to reach up to our hopes and expectations, and so a further special effort is needed to clear up our accounts before the lean summer months of church activity are upon us.

Therefore I most earnestly ask each one of you to make a special offering on Sunday, June 4th., (Whitsunday) to help your parish.

I do not ask that anyone do a great deal, but I do ask that EACH ONE shall do something.

I look to you confidently.

Do not fail me.

It will lift a burden from my heart to know that the parish is out of debt.

Cordially yours,

Church of the Holy Apostles

Twenty-first and Christian Streets
PHILADELPHIA

March 28th. 1934

Dear friends,

First of all let us wish you of our church-family a very blessed Easter Day.

For us individually and as a parish may the great and holy day be one of great rejoicing.

Next permit us, as we are bound to do, as your parish officials, to ask that you be as generous in the Easter Offering as the times allow and your hearts demand.

It is one of the hard things we have to do, this speaking of deficits, but the need is present and pressing.

To clear up our existing deficits and provide for the requirements of the immediate future we shall need \$2500.00

If all of our members give nothing the offering, obviously, would have nothing in it.

If only one half give it would fall far short of the objective.

If all will give what they can easily and comfortably give the amount needed will be reached.

Perhaps the following division of the Offering may be an aid to you in deciding what you will give.

2 to give \$150.	each	.	.	.	.	.	=	\$300.
3 to give 100.	each	.	.	.	.	.	=	300.
5 to give 50.	each	.	.	.	.	.	=	250.
15 to give 25.	each	.	.	.	.	.	=	375.
30 to give 10.	each	.	.	.	.	.	=	300.
100 to give 5.	each	.	.	.	.	.	=	500.
100 to give 2.50	each	.	.	.	.	.	=	250.
250 to give 1.	each	.	.	.	.	.	=	250.
								\$2525.

We ask you to think over the matter of the parish needs carefully and prayerfully, knowing that then you will respond with your usual generous good will.

Faithfully yours,

GEORGE HERBERT TOOP, Rector

GEORGE W. JACOBS, Acc. Warden

WM. G. CASNER,
ALFRED M. GRAY,
FRANKLAND MCINTYRE,

Finance Committee

Church of the Holy Apostles

Twenty-first and Christian Streets
PHILADELPHIA

Dec. 19th. 1934

Dear friend,

Life would be easier if we had no money worries,
would it not?

But they seem to be part of life just now.

And even the Church does not escape them.

Your church must have \$1500.00 in its Christmas
offering, if it is to balance its accounts on Jan. 1st.

And your rector and vestrymen do not like to con-
template starting the New Year with the church in debt.

We have tried to economize on every hand, but our
plant is an expensive one to maintain, and our widely scatter-
ed congregation a difficult and costly one to keep together.

If we want to keep the parish going we must be pre-
pared to make sacrifices to have it so.

May we ask each one to look up what he did last
year, and if at all possible, try to increase his contribu-
tion somewhat over that?

Working all together, and giving what each one can,
we shall reach our objective.

It would be so much easier not to have to write to
ask you for money, but the situation is as it is, and the ob-
ligation to meet it rests upon us all.

Do not depend upon someone else meeting the deficit.

Wishing you all a most blessed and happy Christmas.

Faithfully yours,

GEORGE H. TOOP, Rector
GEORGE W. JACOBS, Acc. Warden

WM. G. CASNER,
ALFRED M. GRAY,
FRANKLAND McINTYRE,

Finance Committee

CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES
21ST & CHRISTIAN STREETS
PHILADELPHIA

April 16th. 1935

Dear fellow-parishioners,

It is customary to ask for an Easter Offering for parish needs. It is the time for making up the deficit in most parishes. It must be so with us.

Our total deficit, in all our accounts, as of April 1st., was \$1804.23. This is the sum we shall need to balance all of our accounts.

If all of our 672 communicant members gave, according to their ability, sums divided as follows -

2	to give \$100.	each	= \$200.
10	" " 50.	"	= 500.
25	" " 25.	"	= 625.
30	" " 15.	"	= 450.
50	" " 10.	"	= 500.
100	" " 5.	"	= 500.
455	" " 1.	"	= <u>455.</u>

We should have a total of \$3200.

This would wipe out the deficits, and give us about \$1400. to help us over the lean summer months.

Will you help your parish by taking one of the sums above, making it as generous as you can?

It would be a relief to have a clean slate, and a balance for the future.

But it is the \$1804. we are definitely asking for.

Wishing you a blessed Easter.

Very faithfully yours,

GEORGE HERBERT TOOP, Rector

GEORGE W. JACOBS, Acc. Warden

WM. G. CASNER,
ALFRED M. GRAY,
FRANKLAND McINTYRE,
ROBERT P. SHICK,

Finance Committee

Church of the Holy Apostles

Twenty-first and Christian Streets
PHILADELPHIA

Dec. 14th. 1935

Dear friend,

To clear our church accounts of indebtedness on Jan. 1st. we shall need \$1800.00.

We are asking you for a Christmas offering of that amount.

If we reduce this sum to pennies it means roughly about two miles of them. Then if we divide these two miles of pennies among our members as follows we shall have what we need provided the amounts asked for be given.

3 members to take 200 yards each, costing \$100.	= \$300.
6 " " 100 " " 50. = 300.	
12 " " 50 " " 25. = 300.	
24 " " 25 " " 12.50 = 300.	
48 " " 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " 6.25 = 300.	
100 " " 5 " " 2.50 = 250.	
200 " " 2 " " 1.00 = 200.	
250 " " 1 " " .50 = 125.	

This would cover all our communicants,
and give us a grand total of - \$2075.

Pick out of the above list the number of yards of the two miles of pennies you think is your share, and place the payment for them in the inclosed envelope. Even the children of the family can have a share in this offering.

It will be a happy Christmas and New Year for your rector and vestry if we can clean up our books, and be able to say that the parish ended the year with its books balanced.

But to do so all must help.

Faithfully yours,

GEORGE HERBERT TOOP, Rector

GEORGE W. JACOBS, Acc. Warden

WM. G. CASNER
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F. M. MCINTYRE
ROBERT P. SHICK
JOSEPH F. HUEY

Finance Committee

CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES
Twenty-first and Christian Streets
PHILADELPHIA

March 30th. 1939

Dear Friends,

Our total deficits as of March 1st. are as follows: -

Current Expense Account	\$1070.65
Repairs to Buildings Account	<u>416.76</u>
 Total	 \$1487.41

That amount we shall need in full to clear our books on Easter Day.

It may help us to determine the amount we each can afford to give by dividing the total sum required into groupings as follows: -

2 at \$100.	\$200.00
5 at 50.	250.00
10 at 25.	250.00
20 at 15.	300.00
50 at 5.	250.00
227 at 1.	<u>227.00</u>
 Total	 \$1477.00

There may be some shrinkage from these figures, particularly in the higher brackets, therefore it is necessary for each one to give fully what he or she can afford to give, if the total is to be reached.

Your rector, among others, will be most thankful and relieved if these deficits can be entirely wiped from our books on Easter Day.

Will you, each one, do his very best to help bring this about?

Wishing you a most blessed Easter Day,

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE HERBERT TOOP, Rector
FRANKLAND M. MCINTYRE, Acc. Warden

WILLIAM G. CASNER)
ALFRED M. GRAY)
ROBERT P. SHICK) Finance Committee
JOSEPH F. HUEY)

CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES
Twenty-first and Christian Streets
PHILADELPHIA

December 18th. 1940

Dear Friends,

There are various accounts on our books which are in deficit. The total amount of these deficits is \$1500.00.

At the last meeting of the vestry it was voted to tell you this and to ask you to do all you can to clean up these deficits in your Christmas offering, so that we can start the new year all clear of debt.

This does not seem to be an impossible task and if -

2	will give	\$100.00	=	\$200.00
4	"	50.00	=	200.00
8	"	25.00	=	200.00
16	"	10.00	=	160.00
32	"	5.00	=	160.00
64	"	2.50	=	160.00
128	"	1.00	=	128.00
256	"	.50	=	<u>128.00</u>

Total \$1336.00

we shall have enough to see daylight ahead, and it will be a happy Christmas Day for your church.

Let us all spend a moment or two in prayer about the matter before we seal our envelopes.

Hoping you will all have a happy and blessed Christmastide.

Faithfully yours,

GEORGE H. TOOP, Rector

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